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Will Labor Bosses Ruin Labor?

A serious question in the minds of many Americans today is this: What will be the outcome of the high-riding and ruthless tactics of the labor bosses? This problem is troubling people who have always been defenders of the rights of labor. But they are now confronted with the growing monopolistic power of the labor bosses. And they are asking how long it will be before labor - or its leaders - brings down on its own head a wave of revulsion from decent Americans.

For instance, here in New York City we have had the spectacle of a strike of non-medical workers against a group of hospitals. The object is to force the hospitals to recognize a union. The hospitals are non-profit institutions. The strike left them without workers to cook and serve meals or clean the linen and rooms of sick and dying patients. Both federal and New York State laws exempt non-profit hospitals from having to recognize unions. The union called the strike anyway.

The head of this union once hid behind the Fifth Amendment when asked about communist-front connections.

Meantime, James Hoffa, head of the Teamsters Union, sounded off. Proposals have been made that the same laws which apply to business monopolies should also be applied to labor monopolies. Hoffa declared that if Congress did any such thing, he would call a nationwide strike. And out in California, a very strange "trial" took place recently. Three members of a labor union were "tried" by their union leaders because they had supported a right-to-work law. They were expelled from the union — which means that, because of their political opinions — they can't get a job in any union plant.

Now I don't know what the outcome of all this will be. But I

suggest that the union leaders would do well to read a little history — the history of labor agitation in Germany and Italy before Hitler and Mussolini came to power. There were plenty of good Germans and Italians who hated everything Hitler and Mussolini stood for. But they swallowed their hatred and remained silent — because they saw the dictators bring order out of the chaos created by radical and ruthless labor leaders. The result, of course, was tyranny over the whole nation — *including the labor unions*. Labor in America would do well to regain the good will it once had — or it will have no defenders left, should the "man on horseback" ever ride here.

NEA Censors Free Enterprise

I wonder how many of you have been puzzled by the fact that your high-school kids know so much about the leftist United Nations, but so little about the American free enterprise system. Perhaps this will solve the mystery. Did you know that American free enterprise is "controversial"

— but the United Nations is not? I'm not making this up. This is what the National Education Association says! Here are the facts, for which I am indebted to the *Arizona Republic*, the daily newspaper in Phoenix, Arizona. They revealed the story as it applies to Arizona. But as it all stems

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from the National Education Association in Washington, you might do well to see if the same monkey-business is going on in the public schools in your own state.

The American Association of Physicians and Surgeons has for many years sponsored an essay contest for high-school students. There are a number of such contests sponsored by different organizations and groups. They give high-school students a chance to study and write essays on varied subjects, with the possibility of winning cash prizes for the best essays. In the case of Arizona, the National Education Association has approved 56 of these national contests for students in

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Arizona schools. But the NEA *refused* to approve the contest sponsored by the Association of Physicians and Surgeons. Why? Because one of the subjects on which students were to write essays was "The Advantages of the Free Enterprise System." NEA said this subject was *too controversial!* But NEA *approved* an essay contest on the United Nations sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations. In other words, according to the National Education Association, American high-school students cannot be permitted to write essays on the advantages of the system on which our whole economic life is based. But they *can* be allowed to write essays about a collection of leftists, socialists and communists which has been hung around our necks in the United Nations.

However, there is another important point involved in this shameful censorship by the NEA. It concerns the bureaucratic control exercised over state-supported and managed public schools by the NEA in Washington. The NEA is the largest educational organization in America. Its ruling echelons are heavily infiltrated with socialist thinking.

It has been among the staunchest defenders of so-called "progressive" education, which has caused so much trouble in our schools. It is also a lobbying organization — plugging constantly for federal aid to education. But what is it doing telling local schools what their students can and cannot write essays about? Here is how it works.

Contests in Arizona schools are under the control of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, of which most of the public schools are members. And this state association has a clause in its constitution which says

it cannot approve any contest which is not first approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. What is that? It is a branch of the National Education Association in Washington. I wonder how much longer school-board members, teachers and principals are going to permit themselves to be led around by the nose by a handful of socialist-minded one worlders in the NEA in Washington. And I think parents who pay the taxes should have something to say about this brainwashing of their children.

Red Clerics Are Kremlin Agents

I don't know whether or not you have noticed how many opinions about Communist Russia we have been getting lately. They come from what are known as "three-weeks-experts." These are people who make a flying visit to Russia, see the whole vast country in two or three weeks — usually under Red guidance — and come back to tell us all we need to know about the Soviets. I note that several of these quickie experts have taken occasion to remark on the fact that they saw churches operating in Russia, with plenty of people

attending them. I suppose this is intended to make us believe that perhaps we have been too harsh in our condemnation of the communists for their war on religion.

I would like to recommend that these so-called "experts," as well as all other Americans, read the testimony of a former high Soviet secret-police official, just released by the Senate Internal Security Committee. The communists in Russia discovered away back in 1937 that their policy of closing churches and exiling priests would not work. So they permitted some churches

to remain open. They simply recruited the priests into the Soviet secret police. This means that in order to be a priest in Russia, a man *must* be a Soviet agent – and this applies to the highest dignitaries of the church. Even the priests who really believe in God,

if they want to be priests must first pledge allegiance to the atheistic state. But it is more than simply giving lip service to atheism. The priests must spy on their parishioners for the Soviet secret police.

John T. Flynn

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BOOK REVIEW

In Every Age But One

IN EVERY WAR BUT ONE *by Eugene Kinkead, 219 pages, Norton, N. Y. \$3.75.*

In every age but one, the American people stood steadfast against foreign ideology. But in our time, communism succeeded in turning Americans against their own country. The scandal of the Korean POW camps was a reflection, and a result, of the softening-up process back home in America, without which it would have been impossible for Americans to betray their country, their buddies and themselves. Gradually, the corrosive process known as brainwashing has forced even those who have been foremost in hushing it up to deal with it. An example is the present volume.

Kinkead, a *New Yorker* editor, wrote the article with which the magazine broke its boycott of the word "brainwashing." The book grew out of the article and pretends to be the first serious study of the subject. The record proves otherwise. Indeed, this isn't a rounded study at all, but a slanted version of one facet of it. (*Editor's note: It was Mr. Hunter, not Mr. Kinkead, who first revealed the facts about brainwashing – in fact, he added the word to our language.*)

However, we should be thankful that the subject is being dealt with at all in "liberal" circles, and especially that at least one need – for strengthened discipline – is stressed in this book.

This is a bold and hopeful admission on the side of those whose efforts have been focused on breaking down discipline.

The book comprises, evidently, a more or less official version of the brainwashing story – which assumed that Americans haven't the guts to stand being told all the facts. There is something shocking to me in an admission the author makes. When, at long last, he decided to write on this subject, he went to an official source. It asked him to hold off for a year or so. He did. Then when he finally was given the official nod, he dropped his colleague at official suggestion, replacing him with substitutes whose Army posts assured he would be getting only the official line. I've always believed that American journalistic tradition relegated official communiques to official sources. There was nothing to stop Kinkead from going out

and digging up the real facts for himself. The questionnaires on which he bases so much of his book were farcical. To deny that the Chinese Reds perpetrated atrocities is a smear on our POWs and not true in the bargain.

The role that basic convictions, and especially religious feeling, played in retaining stamina for mental survival is barely touched on, and then grudgingly. Yet the facts show that this was the basis for the most effective resistance to Red brainwashing.

The production of this book, despite these sorry gaps, is a victory. The author is sincerely and honestly worried. But he is still too immersed in the fake liberalism of the present sad generation to be able to handle properly this most important subject of our age. Nonetheless, his effort should be encouraged.

—Edward Hunter

The Pirate Crew

"In the United States, the good ship *Liberalism*...has been boarded and captured by a pirate crew of state interventionists and near-socialists...who regard Karl Marx as more relevant to modern conditions than Adam Smith."

—William Henry Chamberlin in
The Evolution of a Conservative

Recommended Reading - May Best Sellers

BRAINWASHING IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS by E. Merrill Root (\$4.50).

Solid, inescapable proof that many textbooks propagandize *for* collectivism and *against* free enterprise. Based on examination of 11 history texts used in one of the nation's largest high schools. Magnificent, honest and readable!

FROM MAJOR JORDAN'S DIARIES by George Racey Jordan (\$2.00).

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MASTERS OF DECEIT by J. Edgar Hoover (\$5.00).

A case book on communism by the man best qualified to write it. Every major point illustrated with actual cases. Most important, explicit and exact details on how to fight this menace in our midst. Excellent gift book for every young American — and his parents.

BLACK BOOK ON RED CHINA by Edward Hunter (\$2.00).

Scathing indictment of Red China, with documented record — from aggression against its neighbors to mammoth program of genocide. Takes the wind out of sails of the "Let's Recognize Red China" advocates.

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—John C. Wetzel

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